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TRACTORS TO AID EAST GERMAN FARMERS; MECKLENBURG GETS HIGH FISH QUOTA

TO GET 5,000 NEW TRACTORS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 133, 10 Jun 50

According to Ernst Goldenbaum, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in East Germany, German factories will deliver more than 5,000 new tractors for East German agriculture during 1950. With the current improvement in the fertilizer supply, planting difficulties can now be considered to be overcome.

Minister Goldenbaum also said the German farmers will be able to produce most of their seeds in 1951 and will need to buy only an additional 10 percent.

BAD WEATHER DESTROYS CROPS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 134, 11 Jun 50

Hailstorms in the eastern seaccast region of Mecklenburg caused great damage in several counties. On Poel Island, hail destroyed almost the whole pea and rape crop and caused great damage to the turnip fields.

CALLS FISH QUOTA TOO HIGH -- Argentinisches Tageblatt, No 19536, 19 Jun 50

The Food Ministry of Soviet Zone Germany fixed the quota of fish to be caught in 1950 by Mecklenburg's coastal fisheries at approximately 23,000 tons. This quota is 60 percent above the 1938 catch, even though the boats and fishing material available then were of much better quality than those available today. German experts agree that this quota cannot be met.

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Mecklenburg's coastal fisheries have about 130 cutters at their disposal, 25 percent of which are not serviceable. The people-owned fishing fleet in Sassnitz has 60 overhauled boats and also a few new ones. About 12 completed cutters are in the shipyards in Rostock-Gehlsdorf and Damgarten, but for several months Soviet Zone industry has not delivered the machinery needed to equip them.

SURPASSES FORESTATION PLAN -- Landes-Zeitung, No 128, 6 Jun 50

The Forestation Plan, part of the 1950 Economic Plan, provided for 10,000 hectares to be planted or improved in Land Mecklenburg. As of 1 June 1950, 10,670.9 hectares has been planted and the quota was therefore 106.7 percent fulfilled.

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